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1. (Twice Amended) A hand operated syringe for injecting a liquid, comprising:
a) an elongated barrel having proximal and distal ends and an exit orifice at its distal end;

- b) a pair of opposing finger grips for reception of the index and middle fingers,

respectively, of a user's hand and carried at the proximal end of the barrel, each grip

having a generally distally facing gripping surface having an arcuate portion nearer the barrel than any other arcuate gripping surface portion and defining a most proximal point on said arcuate gripping surface to which finger pressure is applied proximally during operation of the syringe, said points defining a plane substantially perpendicular to the barrel's axis;

- c) a plunger received in the barrel and having a proximal end protruding from the barrel, said proximal end including a pressure surface adapted to receive manual pressure; the plunger being movable between retracted and fully inserted positions within the barrel to discharge a volume of liquid through the exit orifice, the pressure

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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